



Agenda Item Number: 2006-3-6A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 14, 2005

Department: Fire & Rescue **Staff Contact:** John Dantis, Deputy County Manager
Bett Clark, Chief of Fire & Rescue

TITLE: Fuel Funding

ACTION: Motion to approve Financial Resolution **FR -2006** increasing the budget in the amount of \$72,973 to offset high fuel and heating costs.

SUMMARY:

During the October 2005 special session of the New Mexico State Legislature, a bill was passed increasing funds to Fire Departments to augment high building utility and vehicle fuel costs. The Governor signed the bill on October 13, 2005 that gives predominately volunteer fire Departments 10% additional funding. The State Fire Marshal's Office issued a check to Bernalillo County in the amount of \$72,973. The entire amount is designated for BC11-540500-6700 Building Fuel, and BC11-550800-7300, Automobile Gas/Oil line items. If unencumbered or unspent by the end of fiscal year 2006, the remaining monies will revert to the State General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memo from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
2. Financial Resolution **FR -2006**

FISCAL IMPACT

BC11-540500-6700	Building Fuel	\$17,973
BC11-550800-7300	Car, Gas and Oil	<u>\$55,000</u>
		\$72,973

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

The State Legislature appropriated funding to counties during the October 2005 Special Session. Bernalillo County funding in the amount of \$72,973 will be budgeted for Fire Department

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

The additional funds from the legislature are critically needed to augment current BC01 funding for Fire Department building utility and vehicle fuel costs. The increase in these costs HAS significantly exceeded projections. Without this relief the Department would be even further deficit. I recommend approval of this item. JDantis 3/1/06

LEGAL

Legal comment not required for financial resolutions. JSL 3/2/06

FINANCE

Budget Receipt of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission's additional funding will enable Bernalillo County Fire & Rescue to reduce the hardship that the higher price of fuel has cost over the past year. This funding will need to be encumbered or expended by the end of the current fiscal year. Nona Lane, Financial Services Administrator III 3/1/06

ELECTED OFFICIAL/OTHERS

Fire Department

This increased funding to the fire districts and sub-stations will be used as appropriated to pay for rising costs of building and vehicle fuel, without requiring an increase from the general fund. EJC 3/01/06